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Appl. No. 09/715,693 Amdt. dated 15 February 2005 Reply to Office communication dated 19-Nov-04

### **AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

In response to the Patent Office examiner's Office Action mailed 19 November 2004, please amend the above-captioned case as follows. The undersigned encourages the examiner to call at a time convenient to the examiner in the event a conversation might aid moving prosecution forward and/or result in an examiner's amendment. This response has been formatted in the revised format pursuant to published notification by the Patent Office as best as can be understood. See, MPEP §714 III.

Amendments to the Specification reflect the examiner's suggestion < none suggested >.

No Amendments to the Claims are included <per USPTO revised format a full listing is <not>
included, which begins on page <n.a.> of this correspondence>.

No amendments to the Drawings are deemed necessary, as no suggestion or objection has been made to so amend, at this time.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this correspondence.



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Note: Exr. Stevens,

Please find attached an 8-page response to Patent Office communication dated 19-Nov-04.

Respectfully, Jean Macheledt Patent Attorney (970) 218-6798

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# Authorization to Charge FEES, if necessary

Dear Sir:

Applicants need not petition to request an extension of time to respond of <0> month under 37 CFR 1.136(a), permitting the attached response and amendments to be entered, as applicants are within shortened statutory time permitted by the examiner. Thus NO FEE is required under §1.17(a)(1) [1251/2251]. However, in the event it is determined that an additional amount is due as a result of the attached response, any such amount is to be charged to Macheledt Bales LLP deposit account no. 020725. Since the response is being fax-filed, no duplicate copy of this first page is enclosed.

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